

DX bulletin 385 31/12/2020 **By ON9CFG** ON9CFG@telenet.be

Let's make 2021 better, in good health and happiness. With plenty activations from around the world. But most important...stay safe.

Thanks again for visiting DX-World and for reading the DX-World bulletin. You keep us going. A huge thanks and see you in 2021.



# **DX News**

## Rotuma 3D2AG/P - Update by Antoine

I have been monitoring 160m on the 80m antenna and I can receive many stations on FT8 with good reports, from NA, JA and southern/eastern EU at my SR and SS. The generator noise is a bit less so am putting up today the 18m Spiderpole for the inverted-L and looking forward to try some 160m for a few days. GL to all and HNY.

## **DX-World DXpedition of the year 2020**

The survey has been online for 7 days with over 1500 voters.

It was clear to see that a few hours after the survey went live, people who frequent various DX forums, DX clubs, friends of friends, DX message boards, social media platforms et al started to vote for DXpeditions which were mostly based on country choice rather than the main aim – to see which expedition could claim the accolade of 2020 DX-World DXpedition of the Year – regardless of demographics. <a href="https://www.dx-world-net/dx-world-dxpedition-of-the-year-2020/">https://www.dx-world-net/dx-world-dxpedition-of-the-year-2020/</a>

#### Keeping an eye on South Sandwich Island

Remember we recently **kept an eye on South Georgi**a with regards massive iceberg A68a? Well, as you may know those islands missed out on a direct hit from the 'berg (although some grounding on the seabed nearby did happen). Eventually A68a started to break up and smaller icebergs became evident, each being given a new identifier such as A68e, A68d, A68f etc.

https://www.dx-world.net/keeping-an-eye-on-south-sandwich-islands/

#### JIDXM awards 2020 -by Zorro JH1AT

Now the end of year is coming close, and looking back at 2020, we had many difficulties caused by Covid-19. Many of DXpeditions were cancelled, but there are also many individuals and teams that overcame all the difficulties and conducted DXpeditions. Japan International DX Meeting Committee, in cooperation with CQ Ham Radio Magazine, decided to give awards to the teams and individuals who made outstanding contribution to the world's DX committee. Please download and enlarge to see the deserving individuals.

https://www.dx-world.net/jidxm-awards-2020/

# This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/">https://www.dx-world.net/</a> for updates.

**3D2, ROTUMA** Antoine is now active as 3D2AG/P until mid-January 2021. This trip is primarily for the purpose of finalising the tombstone memorial for our dear late son in Rotuma.

**60, SOMALIA** Ali, 60100 is once again active from Somalia for 1 more week. Operation on all bands, mainly FT8.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Massimo, IZ5KID is active as 8Q7MM. QRV mostly on digi. QSK via home call. https://www.dx-world.net/8q7mm-maldives/

**D2, ANGOLA** Paulo, CT1FJZ is back in Menongue as D2FJZ. Operation during his spare time usually on 20 meter using SSB. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call. **FM, MARTINIQUE** Didier, F6BCW is operating as FM/call during the festive period. Activity on HF using CW. QSL via home call.

**HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF extends his stay due to Covid until end April, 2021. QRV as HK3JCL. QSL via home call.

**HS, THAILAND** Charly, HS0ZCW informs he is now near Bangkok until January 2, 2021. Operation mostly on 20 and 15 meter using CW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Harry, JG7PSJ is once again QRV as JD1BMH until January 9, 2021. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <a href="http://jd1bmh.webcrow.jp/">http://jd1bmh.webcrow.jp/</a>

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as call/JD1 during his spare time until mid-January 2021. Activity on HF using CW. QSL via JA8CJY.

**JX, JAN MAYEN** Erik LA2US is active as JX2US during the northern hemisphere winter. He operates CW, FT8 and probably some more modes. Focus on 160m, 80m, 40m and 30m. The season lasts until the end of March '21.

**TI, COSTA RICA** Members of AB3G will be operating from different Costa Rican provinces during a week of Summits on the Air. They will be QRV between January 3-9, 2021. https://ab3g.weebly.com/#

**TZ, MALI** Ulmar, DK1CE is once again active from Bamako as TZ1CE. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Before his activation on ZD8, Randy WW6RG will be QRV for 1 day as V25RA on January 3, 2021. Operation low power using SSB.

**YI, IRAQ** Giorgio IU5HWS is active until around January 20, 2021 as YI9WS. QRV on 40-20-10 meter, no CW. QSL via home call, direct.

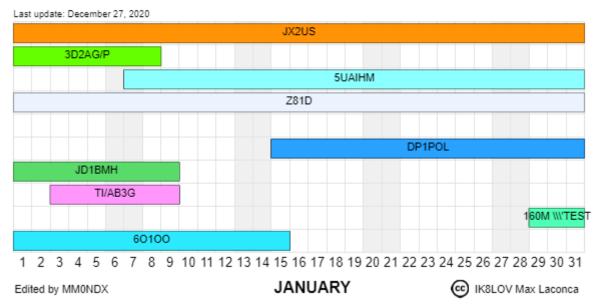
**ZD8**, **ASCENSION ISL** Look for Randy WW6RG as ZD8RA on January 5, 2021. QRV when time permits between 0800-1000z and 1700-1900z on 20 or 17 meter using SSB.

# Coming up

**CP, BOLIVIA** Antonio, EA5RM will once again be active as CP1XRM from San Ignacio de Moxos between January 9 and January 26. Operation on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

# **DXCC timeline**





# IOTA

## This week on air

## **EUROPE**

**EU-125 Romo Isl** Mike, DG5LAC is active as OZ/call until January 1. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB, FT4/8. Focus on 80 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-040 St Lawrence Isl** Henry, NLOH got in touch, he is back on air. QRV now and then mainly on FT8 due to RF noise. QSL via MOOXO.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-150 Lombok Isl** Members of the West Nusa Tenggara Regional ORARI are operating as 7C9N until December 31. Operation on HF. QSL via HA3JB.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS Announced DX

## THE REMINDERS

**5H, TANZANIA** Sergey, UT9UU will be operating as 5H3UU from Dar Es Salaam during early August 2021. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**5H, TANZANIA** Roman, RA/3W3RR (ex-9Q9RR) has announced plans to be active from Zanzibar island, AF-032. Currently no set dates as to when 5H1RR activity may happen due to COVID-19. More info to follow in due course..

**5T, MAURITANIA** Tom, DL7BO has plans to be active as 5T7OO soon and staying there for a long period. More info to follow. QSL via DJ6TF.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 8Q7CQ (pending) from the Reethi Faru resort between January 14 and January 29. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via M0OXO.

**A3, TONGA** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC somewhere in 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**CEOY, EASTER ISLAND** The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active somewhere during 2021 as XR0YSP. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CYO, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CYOC Sable Island DXpedition team will be active somewhere October 2021. http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM during October-November 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau. **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until August 8-16, 2021. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <a href="http://www.to5t.com/">http://www.to5t.com/</a> **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 29 and July 13, 2021. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <a href="http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html">http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html</a>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan. **HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will be operating as J88PI between July 23 and August 1,2021. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. <a href="https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/dxpedition-2017">https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/dxpedition-2017</a>

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during September 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

**OJO, MARKET REEF** Joseph, AD7D will be operating as OJ0D during the summer 2021. Dates not yet confirmed. More to follow.

PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be active as PJ5/call between June 22-28, 2021. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL direct or LoTW. PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27, 2021. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

PZ, SURINAME Markus, DJ4EL informs: Due to the rising Covid-19 cases in Europe tourists who would like to visit Suriname must bring a negative Covid-19 test and are required to be quarantined for 10 days after arrival. The second problem is that on the way back to Germany I would have to travel via Amsterdam airport which could make another Covid-19 test and another quarantine at home necessary. New dates: PZ5GE, Easter 2021. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW. TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) somewhere during 2021 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only). http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay between June 12 and July 10, 2021. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

**VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND** The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Look for Randy, WW6RG as VQ9RA on January 18, 2021. Check 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Dates are not confirmed, nor length of activity, but Bob DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. Update to follow... **XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX somewhere during 2021. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO">https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO</a>

**Z6, KOSOVO** A Belgian team will be active somewhere in 2021 from Kosovo. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, OQRS.

**ZD8, ASCENSION ISL** Tev, TA1HZ will be active as ZD8HZ troughout 2021. He will use 100w to a windom wire antenna. Operation during his spare time. <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/ZD8HZ">https://www.grz.com/db/ZD8HZ</a>

# **Announced IOTA**

# THE REMINDERS

## **AFRICA**

**AF-045 Gore Isl** A team with 6W1KI, 6W1PZ, 6W1QL, 6W7JX and others will be operating as 6V1A when the situation is possible. Activity on various bands with 2 stations using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

**AF-115 Mukawwar Isl** As news of Covid vaccines emerge – with hopefully an improving picture across the world by the middle of next year – plans for this particular island activity will restart after March 2021. Future updates will be posted here.

## **ASIA**

**AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev** Dates are not yet confirmed, however the Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RI0Q license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 in early 2021.

## **EUROPE**

**EU-111 Monach Isles** A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

**EU-123 Bass Rock** Team MS0INT (EI6FR, MM0NDX, MM0OKG and cameraman) has today been granted permission to land on the Bass Rock (EU-123) and to undertake an IOTA DXpedition there. Tentative date: April 17-18, 2021. The Bass Rock has only ever been activated three times (1997, 2001, 2008) according to research. The team is indebted to Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Sir Hew Dalrymple for allowing them to land on his island.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-039 Adak Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO

NA-070 Kiska Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO

**NA-041 Shelter Isl** Phil, KC3CIB will be operating as call/KL7 during his spare time starting June 2021. When time permits, he will be active on HF using mainly digital modes. QSL via home call, direct.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (Campbell Island)** The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Campbell Island. Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame.

The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty. **OC-139 Kangaroo Isl** Grant, VK5GR informs that he will be back in January for a longer break. This will be a 'holiday-style' operation. More to follow.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-092 Papegaaien Isl** Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaien Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during April 2-5. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

-PZ5G grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)

-PZ5GE grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only)

More on QRZ.com

# **Antarctica base stations**

**Belgrano II Base** Ramon, LU3HRS reports he is now active from Belgrano II Base, Coats Land, Antarctica during the 2020-2021 scientific research season. His exact locator is HB22qd. QRV mainly on 20m FT8-FT4-JT65 when time permits. QSL via LoTW or bureau via LU4AA.

**Halley VI Base** Seba SQ1SGB will sail to Halley VI Base in December and hopes to be active for 5 weeks starting beginning of January 2021. Callsign might be SQ1SGB/VP8 (if VP8HAL is not be allowed due to the new strange rules of the Falklands authorities). It's also possible he may use alternative call such as SQ1SGB/A or maybe /ANT or /P. QSL via FB7DX.

**King Se-Jong Base** As part of the next scientific team, look for Lee, DS4NMJ to again be active from the King Se-Jong Korean Antarctic Base on King George Island, South Shetlands as DT8A in 2021. QRV on FT8, CW & SSB, 100w. QSL via DS5TOS. Dates to be confirmed.

**Mirny Sation** Alexander, RX3ABI is QRV as RI1ANM from Mirny Base, IOTA AN-016, until early 2021 while on work assignment. Activity during his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via home call.

**Neumayer Station III** Organizing an Antarctic expedition in the times of COVID19 is quite a challenge, so the German polar institute (AWI) had to find a different approach to the logistics for the upcoming Antarctic summer season. All transports will be carried out by ship directly from Germany. There is only a small team of about 20 technicians and scientists travelling to Neumayer Station, Antarctica, this year. YL Theresa (DC1TH) and Felix (DL5XL) will be part of that group.

During the voyage, from December 20 for about one month, Felix will operate as DP0POL/MM from the research ice breaker "Polarstern", mainly in CW and digital modes. From mid-January to mid-March 2021, DL5XL expects to be active from the research station "Neumayer III" signing DP1POL.

The ham station in Antarctica is equipped for HF and QO-100 satellite. Club call DP0GVN may also be used at times by other operators.

QSL manager for DP0POL/mm and DP0GVN is DL5EBE, QSL cards for DP1POL will be handled by DL1ZBO (direct, bureau or LotW for all call signs).

**Vostok Station** Alexey, RX6A is active until May 30 as RI0IANT Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. Operation until end May 2021. QSL via home call. **Syowa Station** The Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

# Special calls

# **THE NEWCOMERS**

**EA, SPAIN EG1SI** is the special call <u>during January 1-3</u> to mark the tragedy with steamboat Santa Isabel on January 2, 1921. It spilt in two due to high waves and sunk, 213 victims and 56 survivors remained. It was the largest tragedy of navigation in Galicia. <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/EG1SI">https://www.grz.com/db/EG1SI</a>

**OH, FINLAND** Look for **OH100SRAL** <u>during 2021</u>, this to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Finnish Amateur Radio Leaugue (SRAL). QSL via LoTW or bureau (early 2022).

**SV, GREECE** 200 Years of Greek Independence Award On air <u>during 2021</u>. The Greek War of Independence, also known as the Greek Revolution (Greek: Ελληνική Επανάσταση, Elliniki Epanastasi; referred to by Greeks in the 19th century as simply the Αγώνας, Agonas, "Struggle", was a successful war of independence waged by Greek revolutionaries against the Ottoman Empire between 1821 and 1830. Any Greek station, foreigners Greeks or friends of Greece all over the world may join "200 Years of Greek Independence Award". All mode and types of QSO are valid. Award manager is SV2RCK. <a href="https://sv2rck.gr/200YEARS/">https://sv2rck.gr/200YEARS/</a>

## **THE REMINDERS**

- **CT, PORTUGAL** Valdemar, CT7AQD will be active as **CQ750RSI** throughout 2021 to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth of Aragon (1271-1336), queen consort of Portugal and patron saint of the city of Coimbra. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** <u>until end June 2021</u> to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Look for **DR165TESLA** by members of DARC OV Mainz <u>during 2021</u>. This to celebrate the 165<sup>th</sup> birthday of Nikola Tesla. QRV on all bans using all modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. Your card is not needed.
- **DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV <u>until the end of January 2021</u>. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)
- **I, ITALY** Look for IB2ANT <u>during February 2021</u> to mark the Antarctic Activity Week with a new WAP award reference WAP-308 on the air. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2QPR.
- **I, ITALY II1DCC** ("Drake & Collins Collectors") is the special callsign for a "vintage activity" to be conducted <u>until 31 December 2021</u>. Marco, IK1RAE and other operators will use exclu- sively Drake and Collins pieces of equipment, and will be QRV on the HF bands (30, 17 and 12 metres excluded) SSB, CW and maybe AM. QSL via the bureau to IK1RAE. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM** Belgian amateurs activate the following special event callsigns to remind everyone of Covid-19 restrictions and express gratefulness to medical personnel:
- OS2HOPE, OT5ALIVE, OT4CARE, OR2OSTAYHOME, OT6SAFE, OP19MSF, OQ5BECLEVER, OR6LIFE, OO4UZLEUVEN, and OT2CARE. For QSL information see qrz.com. Operation until January 31.
- **S5, SLOVENIA** Special event station **S521PMC** will be active from 4 December to 3 January 2021 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 2-3 January (see http://www.s59dcd.si/ for complete information) (TNX 425DX)
- **S5, SLOVENIA S520SAFE** is a special callsign for members of Radioklub Elektron Brezice (S59ACP) to promote the "Be Safe Stay Safe" campaign in order to stop the spread of Covid-19. Look for activity <u>until end January 2021</u>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct only to S56IPS. (TNX 425DX)
- **SP, POLAND** The team of SP2PBM will be active as **HF2021HNY** between December 19 and January 10, wishing all radio amateurs, their families and friends a happy new year. QSL via SP2PBM (d/B), Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**SV, GREECE** Nine multi-operator special event stations - namely SX1A, SX2A, SX3A, SX4A, SX5A (Dodecanese), SX6A, SX7A, SX8A and SX9A (Crete) - will be active during the countdown to the 200th anniversary of the "Agonas" (the Struggle), the Greek Revolution of 1821 which led to the formation of modern Greece. The countdown will start at -99 days to the actual celebration day (25 March 2021), and a serial number will be appended to each special callsign as follows:

26 December-05 January from SX8A/89 to SX8A/80

05-14 January from SX7A/79 to SX7A/70

15-24 January from SX6A/69 to SX6A/60

25 January-03 February from SX5A/59 to SX5A/50

04-13 February from SX4A/49 to SX4A/40

14-23 February from SX3A/39 to SX3A/30

24 February-05 March from SX2A/29 to SX2A/20

06-15 March from SX1A/19 to SX1A/10

16 March SX9A/9

17 March SX8A/8

18 March SX7A/7

19 March SX6A/6

20 March SX5A/5

21 March SX4A/4

22 March SX3A/3

23 March SX2A/2

24 March SX1A/1

The serial numbers will be dropped only on 25 March. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or direct to SV2GWY. An award will be available, see qrz.com's entry for any of the special callsigns. (TNX 425DX)

**TI, COSTA RICA** On September 15, 2021, the Bicentennial of the Independence of Costa Rica will be celebrated with great fanfare. In commemoration of such an important and historical event, a team of radio amateurs will be activating the special call sign **TI2ØØI** to celebrate 200 years of independent life of Costa Rica.

The goal is to make Costa Rican independence known to the world with pride on its Bicentennial. Activation until October 29, 2021.

Bands - 6 to 80m (+ 2m).

Modes - SSB, CW and FT8 (+ FM).

Contacts will be confirmed via LotW, QRZ & QSL manager.

The team of operators will be announced soon.

**UR, UKRAINE** A Special event station **EN50WZA** will be active during period of <u>January 1-31</u>, 2021 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the UT7WZA club station (ex UK5WBG (1971-1984), UB4WZA (1984-1994)). Activity will on CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via UT7WZA either bureau, direct and LOTW.

**UR, UKRAINE** Look for **EN100LT** to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kharkiv Theater for Children and Youth. Operation until end March 2021. QSL via UT5LU.